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Dated 16th February, 1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

CIVIL SUPPLIES - Foodgrains - Decontrol and de-Rationing - Scale of rations to be issued from relief shops - Orders - Passed.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract:

CIVIL SUPPLIES - Foodgrains - Decontrol and De-rationing - Scale of rations to be issued from relief shops - Orders passed.

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Food Department.

G.O.Ms.No. 126 Dated the 16th Feb. 1948.

Read: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Ref;No. 3454-UII-48-2, dated 29-1-1948.
Read also: G.O.Ms.No.1340, Food, dated 18-12-1947.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) in its reference cited above, the Government approve the action of the Provincial Controller of Food Rationing in having instructed the District Supply Officer, Coimbatore to open three more relief shops in the Mettupalayam area in addition to the three already existing relief shops in that area, and to issue rations bi-weekly from these shops.

2. The Board has suggested in para 2 of its reference cited above that the Collector of Coimbatore and the Collector of other districts may also be permitted to authorise the issue of rations bi-weekly at a time from the relief shops. The Government accept the suggestion and direct that the Collectors should be authorised to issue at the discretion of three days' ration at a time to non-producers on the basis of ration cards. The scale of ration to be issued through these shops should be at the rate of 6 ozs. per adult per day instead of 8 ozs as at present, the composition of ration being as follows:-

1. Rice eaters - 3 ozs. rice plus 3 ozs. millets including maize.
2. Millet eaters - 1 oz. of rice plus 5 ozs. of millets including maize.
3. Mixed diet eaters - 2 ozs. rice plus 4 ozs. millets including maize.

The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is requested to issue immediately necessary instructions accordingly to all the Collectors and send 5 copies of the instructions to the Government for their information.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.A. Kuttalalingam Pillai,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies)
Copy to 'B' Section of Food Department.
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Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies)

Subject: PROCUREMENT AND RURAL RATIONING - Coimbatore district - Abolition - Supply to Estates etc. and issue from relief shops - Instructions.

Ref:No. 3454-UII -48-2, dated 29-1-1948.

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From

V.S. Hejmadi, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sri T. Prabhakara Rao Naidu, Jt. Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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Reference: From the Collector, Coimbatore, No.19842/47-L9, dated 2-1-1948.

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The Board submits herewith for the information of the Government a copy of the Collector's letter cited and a copy of the orders passed on it by the Board.

2. During his tour in the Coimbatore district recently, the Provincial Controller of Food Rationing noticed that in the three relief shops opened at Mettupalayam, a big panchayat area, the number of relief shops opened was not only not adequate but also that the issue of only a day's ration at a time was causing great hardship to the people who were resorting to these shops in large numbers for want of foodgrains in the market. He has therefore instructed the District Supply Officer to open three more relief shops in the area and also to issue the rations bi-weekly. In this connection, the Board submits that the Government in their Memo No.3727/A/48-1, dated 22-1-48 have given discretion to the Collectors of Ramnad and Tinnevelly to order the issue of three days ration at a time through relief shops instead of only one day's ration, subject to the condition that half the quantity of rations issued should be in the shape of rice and the other half in the shape of millets, milo or maize. The Board requests that the action of the Provincial Controller of Food Rationing in having instructed the District Supply Officer to issue rations bi-weekly from the relief shops may be approved subject to/ the conditions specified in Government Memo. and that the Collector of Coimbatore and the Collectors of other districts may similarly be permitted to authorise the issue of rations bi-weekly at a time from the relief shops opened by them.

3. Another method of reducing Government's commitments gradually, instead of abrupt cessation of help, is to lower the quantity by say 2 ounzes every week, till the supplies are withdrawn altogether. This will give some time the grain shops to contact producers and dealers and establish channels of supply.

4. As the arrangements now suggested involve a change in the general orders already issued with the approval of the Government, the Board requests very early orders of Government.

Sd. x x x
For Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Food, Fort St. George, with a copy of Collectors' Report and a copy of Board's Ref. No.3454-UII of 48-1, dated 29-1-1948 and a copy of Board's D.O.L.Dis.4603-UII-48.

Copy to the Collector, Coimbatore.

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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